REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to amend the specification and cancel claims 1 through 51 and add new claims 52 through 92.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

--Suitable classes of antistress agents, including glucocorticoid inhibitors, corticotrophin releasing hormone inhibitors, inhibitors, cholecystokinin inhibitors, benzodiazepines, gamma acid potentiators, anti-glutaminergics amino butyric serotonergics amongst others. Preferred classes of antistress agents are pyridyl propanones including metyrapone, antiprogestins including mifepristone (RU 38486), and benzoylamino dipropylamino oxopentanoics including proglumide, and amino acids or peptides such as astressin, [an amino acid peptide] which is a corticotropin releasing factor (CRF) antagonist. Selection of an antistress agent can be made according to broad criteria such as animal species, age, and types of stress. It is noted that antiprogestins are contradicted for use in pregnant or conceiving animals .--